perceptions and the prevailing strategic environment as also emerging technologies.

Statement

The service-wise break-up of funds made available for the development of defence related projects during the Eighth and Ninth Five Year Plans are as under:—

Rs. in *crores)*

SERVICES	Eighth Five Year Plan	Ninth Five Year Plan
ARMY	11,156.03	20,270.67
NAVY	7,865.77	17,720.60
Air Force	13,972.93	23,443.07
Director!tc General Ordnance Factories	870.70	573.15
Dirrectorate General Quality Assurance	16.97	34.87
Research & Development	1,801.18	3,689.15
TOTAL	35,683.58	65,731.51

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

2724. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister is thinking of purchasing the Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (U.A.Vs.) to protect our borders;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the U.A.Vs are going to be inducted into the Indian Army?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A contract has been signed in April, 2000 for procurement of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) for the Indian Air Force. The Indian Navy is also processing acquisition of UAVs to augment its surveillance capability.

(c) UAVs were inducted in the Indian Army in 1996. Chief of

Defence Staff

2725. SHRI N. K. PREM ACH AND RAN:
SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state whether Government are considering any proposal of creating a post of Chief of Defence Staff for coordinating the Defence forces in the country?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): Yes, Sir.

Providing protection to Mumbai and its encircling areas

† 2726. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the entire areas in Mumbai encircling Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean has become very sensitive because of the presence of Headquarters of the Navy (Western Command), Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, oil refineries, oil extraction wells and platforms, Army ammunition stores and various ports there;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that in view of blasts in Mumbai and entering into the specific economic zone of a British detective ship recently has made it all the more necessary to strengthen the Army intelligence department; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) The presence of these establishments in Mumbai adds to the security sensitivity of the area.

(b) and (c) The Coast Guard in conjunction with the Navy carry out necessary patrolling and surveillance off the West Coast.

The case of the entry of UK Royal Navy Vessel HMS Scott in the

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.